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7 March 1952

Project Review Committee

Director of Training

Summer Area Programs

SUMMARY: Authorization is requested to establish programs of instruction in four Areas during the summer of 1952. It is proposed to bring instructors from universities as cleared consultants, and to make as much use as possible of employees of the Agency. The cost will be about [redacted]. It is proposed that funds [redacted] budgeted for external training in fiscal 1953 be used for this purpose.

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THE PROJECT: To establish part time programs of instruction for employees of the Agency during the summer of 1952 on these areas: the Soviet Union; Eastern Europe exclusive of the Soviet; the Far East, especially China; and South East Asia. The purpose of the instruction is to improve and systematize knowledge of these areas already possessed by our employees, to introduce employees to areas with which they are not already familiar, and to strengthen contacts between the Agency and scholars engaged in research on problems of interest to us. Seminars will be held for two hours a day, five days a week, during July and August; except that seminars on South East Asia will be held four hours a day, five days a week, for four weeks. Three or four instructors will be brought in for each area, representing the following fields: Economics, Political Science, History, Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology.

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POLICY: Policy is consistent with CIA Regulation [redacted] CIA Training Facilities under Public Law 110, authorizing the Director of Training to arrange for instruction of employees in appropriate private and governmental institutions, and for which funds to the amount of [redacted] have been set aside in the 1953 budget. The departure from this policy consists of bringing the instructors to the students as cleared consultants during the academic vacation, rather than sending employees to the instructor. The change should increase efficiency and decrease expense, and is in fact necessary because it is not feasible at present to release any larger number of employees for full time participation in study.

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SUPPORT:

Logistic: Authorization is requested to commit tentatively for this purpose before 1 July 1952 not more than [redacted] now budgeted for the fiscal year 1953 for external training.

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Consultants fees [redacted] per day

Per diem

Travel (estimated on the basis of
one round trip per instructor)

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South East Asia Program to be handled by
[redacted]

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TOTAL

Space: Classrooms in Alcott Hall and conference rooms in various buildings.

Operational: Offices are being requested to make selected individual employees available to give one or two lectures. Other Agencies will be asked to do the same.

Consultation: Acting Director, Personnel has been consulted on procedures, fees and per diem for consultants so much as it pertains to personnel. I&S/O has been consulted with respect to prospective consultants, and those under serious consideration have been or will be file-checked before they are approached. All consultants brought in will be cleared at least through Secret. Finance has been consulted as to proper procedure for use of funds (see attached memorandum, Tab A).

Coordination: Training Liaison Officers have been requested to ascertain interest in their offices in participating in such programs of Area Studies. The response indicates substantial demand for such training (see attached table, Tab B). Certain leading academic authorities on these areas have been asked to recommend instructors, as have the External Research Staff, Department of State, and area specialists with the Agency.

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